

REMARKS

Claims 2-7, 9, 10, 12-17, 19 and 20 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 11 and 18 have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 2-5, 9, 10, 12-15, 19 and 20 have been amended. No new matter has been presented.

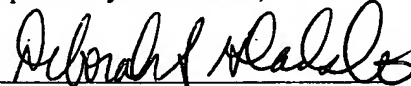
Claims 1, 3, 7, 11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohnishi, U.S. Patent 3,923,877. This rejection is respectfully overcome in view of the foregoing claim amendments. Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Reale, U.S. Patent 4,920,266. This rejection is respectfully moot in view of the foregoing claim amendments.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772034900.

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